

(2) 2nd PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

On page 2, starting at line 3: please replace the existing "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section with the following "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present U.S. Utility Patent Application is a **continuation-in-part (CIP)** of the following U.S. Utility Patent Application:

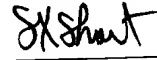
1. U.S. Utility Application Serial No. 09/886,859, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REGULATING TRANSCEIVER POWER CONSUMPTION FOR A TRANSCEIVER IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. BP 1483), filed June 21, 2001 (06/21/2001), pending, which claims priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to the following U.S. Provisional Patent Application: U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/213,140, entitled "REGULATING TRANSCEIVER POWER CONSUMPTION FOR A TRANSCEIVER IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. BP 1483), filed June 22, 2000 (06/22/2000), pending.

The present U.S. Utility Patent Application also claims priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to the following U.S. Provisional Patent Application which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and made part of the present U.S. Utility Patent Application for all purposes:

1. U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/224,846, entitled "ENERGY DETECT WITH AUTO PAIR SELECT," (Attorney Docket No. 40027/RJP/B600), filed August 11, 2000 (08/11/2000), pending.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present patent application, or if the Examiner has any additional questions or concerns.

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